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SUBJECT: TRI-SERVICE PROPAGATION PROGRAM, PROJECT R 184001

REF: STATE 254930; OTTAWA 593

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC NOTE NO. DFR-373
DATED FEBRUARY 28, 1975 FROM DEPT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE

"THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS
COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND HAS THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 9
OF JANUARY 15, 1975 CONCERNING A SERIES OF U.S. AIR FORCE
FLIGHTS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE VERY LOW AND LOW FREQUENCY
COMMUNICATIONS INVOLVING TRANSIT OF CANADIAN AIRSPACE.
THE DEPARTMENT IS PLEASED TO INFORM THE EMBASSY
THAT THE REQUEST CONTAINED IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE
HAS BEEN APPROVED UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE
PROJECT INVOLVES THE USE OF RECEIVERS ONLY AND THAT
NO NEW TRANSMISSIONS ARE CONTEMPLATED FROM WITHIN
CANADIAN BOUNDARIES TO ACCOMMODATE THIS PROJECT.
PROJECT RESULTS ARE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE
CANADIAN GOVERNMENT UPON REQUEST.

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ZKCOMPLIMENTARY CLOSE." END QUOTE

2. THE EMBASSY HAS ALSO RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE DEPT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DATED FEBRUARY 27 REQUESTING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. THE PERTINENT PARTS OF THE LETTER ARE AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE

"... IN CONNECTION WITH THESE PROPOSED OVERFLIGHTS, WE HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES IN WHICH HE INDICATES AN INTEREST IN HAVING OFFICIALS OF HIS DEPARTMENT BRIEFED ON THE TECHNICALITIES OF THE PROGRAM. THAT DEPARTMENT'S INTEREST ARISES OUT OF THE FACT THAT VLF AND LF FREQUENCIES AT FLIGHT HEIGHTS OF APPROXIMATELY 400 FEET ARE USEFUL IN MAPPING GROUND RESISTIVITY. OVERFLIGHTS WITH VLF AND LF EQUIPMENT AT THESE ALTITUDES IN CERTAIN PARTS OF THE COUNTRY COULD PROVIDE USEFUL DATA FOR STUDIES OF THE GEOPHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF THE CANADIAN LANDMASS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES.

"THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES IS AWARE THAT THE PROPOSED FLIGHTS MAY BE PURELY MILITARY IN NATURE AND GEARED TO SPECIFIC SYSTEMS IN THE CANADIAN ARCTIC, OR TO STRATEGIC PLANS. IN SUCH AN EVENT, OF COURSE, THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT EXPECT TO RECEIVE A TECHNICAL BRIEFING. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL, THEREFORE, TO RECEIVE AN INDICATION OF WHETHER SUCH A BRIEFING MIGHT BE ARRANGED, AT WHICH TIME WE WILL PUT YOU IN CONTACT WITH THE APPROPRIATE PEOPLE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES. IN THE MEANTIME, YOU MAY EXPECT TO RECEIVE A NOTE IN THE NEAR FUTURE APPROVING THE PROPOSED SERIES OF OVERFLIGHTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1975." END QUOTE

3. EMBASSY WILL APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FOR RESPONDING TO ABOVE LETTER.

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